

REMARKS

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 7, 2005, applicant elects **Group I** consisting of claims 1-9, 15-21, for examination. Non-elected claims 10-14 are cancelled without prejudice. In the amendment included with this Response, applicant adds method claims 24-28 for examination with claims 1-9, 15-21.

The new method claims call for the use of segments of a thermally conductive conduit mounted on substrates that are fitted into a frame, as in the apparatus of claim 1. They also call for the segments to be applied with uniform pressure against the hide of a specimen of livestock, which is also accomplished by the apparatus of claim 15 with sections of refrigerant conduit elastically coupled to a substrate via a plurality of springs.

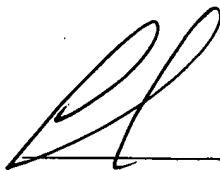
Applicant further elect the species of FIGS. 1-7 for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Please feel free to telephone the undersigned if it would in any way advance prosecution of this application.

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